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BLIND STATESMAN IS SELF-MADE

HAS EARNED OWN LIVING SINCE AGE OF NINE.

Ran Away with Circus and Was Cast Adrift in Chicago-Bootblack and Newsboy.

Washington, D. C .- One of the new members of the House of Representatives is the first blind man who has ever obtained a seat there, Thomas D. Schall, of Excelsion, Minn., who was elected last November. Congressman Schall, who is only 37 years old, is a self-made man, having earned his own living since the age of 9, when he ran away with a circus. He is considered one of the finest orators in Minnesota.

The upper house of Congress has a blind member, the famous Senator Gore of Oklahoma. Both of these men owe much of their success to their

Congressman Schall's father was a captain in the Union army in the Civil War. He died very soon after the boy's birth, leaving the mother too poor to properly care for the child. She entrusted him to a family that promised him a good home and an ducation, but instead they gave him beatings and abuse, and that is how he happened to run away with a circus. From the circus he was cast adrft in Chicago, where he managed to earn his living by selling papers and shining shoes. When he had a spare moment he used to read and study, for even then he aspired to be a public speaker and wanted to get an education. After a while he got a chance to work for his board in a small Minnesota town and go to high school, and there he made such good use of his time that he graduated with honors that entitled him to two years' free tuition in a small col-

At college he used to do all sorts of and became such an expert baseball playe, that he used to be hired to play in the summer and thereby earned enough to pay most of his expenses for the remainder of his course. From the college he went to the University of Minnsota to specialize in public speaking, and in three successive years represented Minnesota in an oratorical contest of eight states. The first time Schall appeared on the platform in a \$4 suit and won third place. The second year he wore a \$7 suit; that time he moved up to second rank. All the other speakers wore "evening suits,"

which Schall couldn't afford, and both he and his friends were convinced that he was handicapped thereby. Therefore, the third year he wore a dress suit loaned him by a university pro-fessor, and that time he had no difficulty in winning the championship. It was the first time for a Minnesota man to get it.

His real victory that night, though, according to Schall, was in winning the admiration of a co-ed student of Minnesota university. The next day they were brought together for introductions and congratulations and immediately started up a friendship that quickly developed to love and marriage. Margaret Huntley's parents were wealthy.

Five years after Schall had began practicing law and when his prospects for success were very bright, he lost his sight when the nerves of his eyes were paralyzed by a shock from an electric cigar lighter. After visiting the bes' specialists and being told there was no hope whatever for him, Schall went home in despair. But young Mrs. Schall told her husband she would henceforth be his "eyes" and they two together would succeed in the law business. She got a job teaching school, and paid off the debts that had been incurred in seeking relief from her husband's misfortune. Then she went into his office, read his books to him, helped draw up his briefs and did other tasks usually performed by an apprentice. At nights she attended law classes at the university. In two years she was able to handle every detail of a law case up to the point of taking it to the courtroom and Shall's business not only had been completely regained but was far ahead of what he had hoped it would be previous to losing his sight.

When the Progressive party was or ganized Schall was one of the first to affiliate. He was a valuable man in a political campaign because of his speaking ability. When in the spring of '94 he decided to run for Congress, the first political honors he ever had aspired to, he had no difficulty in getting the nomination.

The coming of his blindness was not accompanied by any disfigurement. His eyes are just as clear and blue as they odd jobs to help him pay his way, but ever were, and to the stranger do not he found time to go in for athletics reveal the secret behind them. Through small in stature and youthful in figure he has a sincerity of countenance and dignity of bearing that commands respect. In Washington Schall hopes to be known as a "fighting Congressman" rather than merely a "blind Congressman." Both he and his friends are confident that he is going to make a name for himself there.

"A Congressman who cannot speak is like a knife without a blade, or a hammer without a head; he might be able to put in a few thumb tacks, but there are spikes to be driven." is the way Schall expresses it.

A Familiar Story of Domestic Misunders'andings and Joys

"Your new Luit came this afternoon," announced young Mrs. Maitland, "and I took itout of the box and hung it on a form in your closet. "I don't like it,' she continued. "It's

"So do l," agreed the young person horrid!"

Maitland, deep in the European situation, was oblivious.

"I say," repeated Mrs. Maitland, her voice suddenly thrilly, "I don't like She waited a minute. Then, in a beautifully high key, "Jim Maitland, will-you--listen?"

"I'm listening," Maitland murmured vaguely. 'You were saying-'

"You don't know one blessed thing I was saying," indignantly exclaimed young Mrs. Maitland. "It's dreadful the way you pore over the paper the whole livelong evening! I don't count for anything any more, I guess! Your new suit proves that. You are perfectly horrid to act in direct opposition to my wishes and select another old gray! You-"

"What't that?" Maitland's glance came from the last edition.

"You perfectly well know-'what's that!' flared Mrs. Maitland. "Didn't 1 beg you not to get another gray serge?" she demanded. "Have you had anything but gray, spring, summer, fall and winter, for the last five years? No one believes you ever have a new suit, Jim Maitland!

"Now, don't try to smooth it over!" she hurried on. "I simply won't listen. All your talking won't alter the fact that that horrid old thing is hanging in your closet. And your Cousin Bill and his wife are coming next week. Don't you suppose 1 know what they think of me? Well, I know

"Jim Maitland, do you mind keeping still untill I finish? They think I'm a selfiish old cat, that's what they do, splurging out in something new every time they're here! Oh, I can hear Mrs. Bill talking to your mother after she goes home! And I can hear them both pitying you because you have to deny yourself so outrageously in order that my extravagant desires may be gratified! How should they know, how should any one know, that you buy three and four suits a year, when every last one of them is an abominable gray?

"Oh, for pity's sake keep quiet, Jim Maitland!

"Goodness knows, I've tried to de serve the good opinion of your family! And it's simply heartbreaking to know that because of your stubborn infatuation for a certain color I'm consid-

"For the love of Mike!" Maitland burst forth, "will you let a fellow-" "No, I won't," stormed young Mrs. Maitland. "And you're a wretch, that's what you are! I'd set my heart on your having a lovely blue suit for the Bills' visit! Now-'

"See here-Young Mrs. Maitland waved wildly

for silence. "And you needn't propose the theater or one blessed thing while they're here: for I won't go, so there! I re-

fuse to be humiliated. I saw Bill eying the thing you have on now when he was here a month ago. I was so ashamed!"

A flood of tears forced young Mrs. Maitland into silence.

"Going to rest a moment?" Maitland asked. "Then, I may as well tell you that the gray garments up in my closet belong to-Cousin Bill."

Young Mrs. Maitland's tears were checked in something less than a jiffy. "Why, Jim Maitland, what ever do you mean?"

"I may talk? Thanks! Well, Jim's been batty over my gray suits for some time. Thinks I have a great eye for shade. So when he was here a month ago he ordered a suit, to be delivered here. Do you grasp the situation? My suit won't be finished until Saturday." "Oh, Jim!" gurgled young Mrs. Maitland. "And it's-"

"Blue. A peach of a navy!"
"You dear! But why didn't you say so long ago? You were perfectly horrid, worrying me and letting me abuse you so!"

Mailand slanted a look at her. "For the love of Mike!"

With a gesture wonderfully expressive he went back to his last edi-

Insanity and Descendants.

Professor Wagner von Janregg whose publications concerning heredity have created a great deal of discussion in the medical world, said to your correspondent in substance: "A person descended from insane people need not fear to go insane. If he lives a hylenic life there is every reason to believe that he will escape the curse. This ought to be given the widest possible publication, for fear or anticipation of insane disaster drives numerous people insane who otherwise might lead happy a duseful lives.

"According to the elaborate statistics of Doctors Koller and Diem, there is little or no hereditary insanity," continued the professor; "this means persons descended from insane ancestors are not necessarily doomed to end their days in a strait-jacket; in fact, there is little probability that the hereditary thint, socalled, will affect them if they live right. I deny that a positive disposition to hereditary insanity exists. There is no rule what-ever that man is doomed to his ancestor's mental diseases or physical either. He may suffer f. om them, I admit, but that he must suffer I deny.

"Man sets up systems, many sorts of systems. The descendants of insane or sick parentage should keep that in mind and instead of moning over their fate should pay no attention to hereditary disease talk, but instead try to lead hygienic lives. If they do, there is no reason why they should not be healthy and happy.

Well-Trained Memory.

"I do not recall anything on that point," said the witness. "Oh, you don't?" sneered the lawyer. "You'd better take memory lessons." "Excuse me," rejoined the witness suavely, "but my memory has been trained by one of the highest-priced lawyers in the basiness."-Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Just as Dangerous

"Let's send the Czar a bomb concealed in a plum pudding," suggested one plotter.

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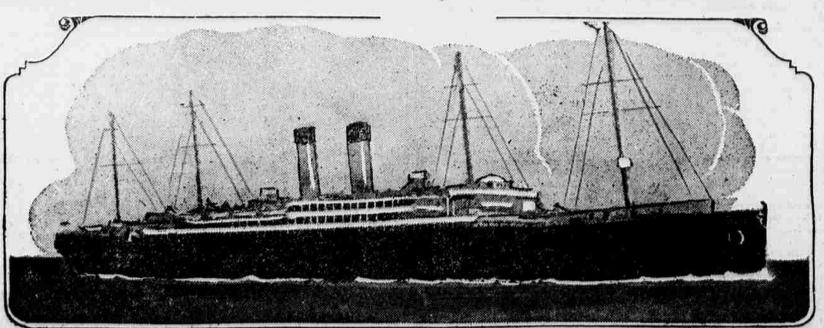
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